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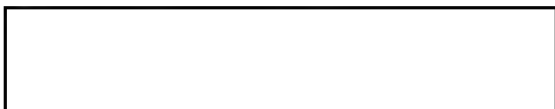
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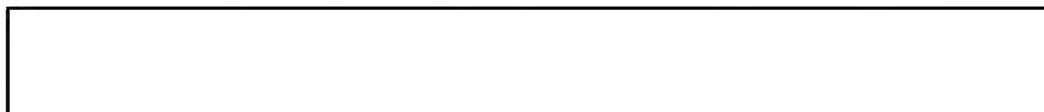
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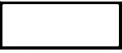


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Jordan: Prospects for settling the dispute over stationing foreign Arab military forces in Jordan remain dim following the second session of the Arab Defense Council in Cairo yesterday.

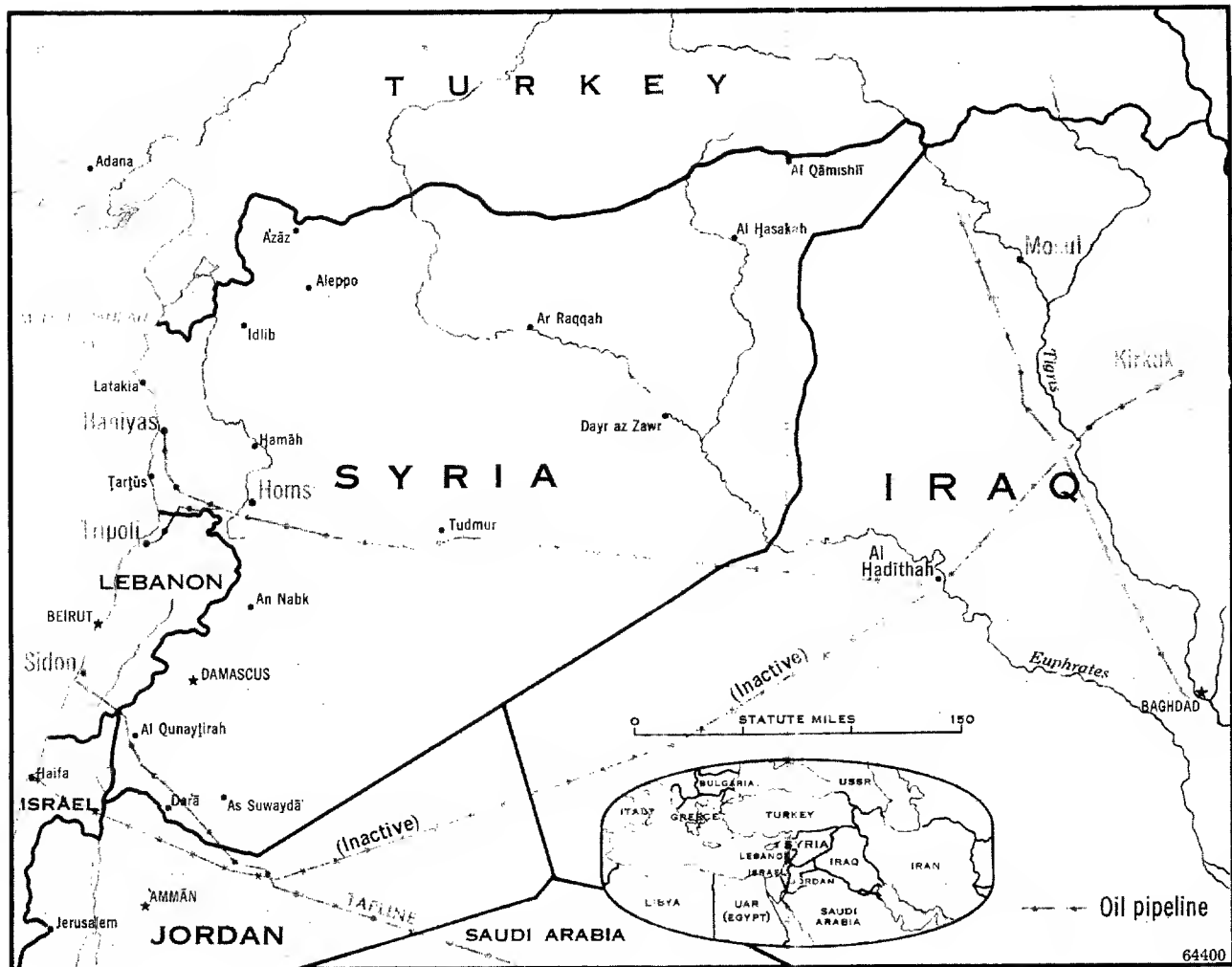
Cairo radio reported that Ahmad Shuqayri, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), submitted several proposals regarding the PLO and the Unified Arab Command. They undoubtedly emphasized Shuqayri's long-standing recommendation that PLO "army" units be organized and deployed in Palestinian west Jordan. Since Israel's raid into west Jordan on 13 November, this recommendation has received strong support from Jordan's Palestinians, but the Jordanian Government remains adamantly opposed to cooperating with the PLO, particularly so long as Shuqayri is its leader.

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Syria-Iraq-Lebanon: Iraq could be seriously hurt by the Syrian seizure of the Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC) pipeline yesterday.

Yesterday's decree by the radical Damascus regime unilaterally levies on IPC higher transit rates and export taxes on oil passing through the line from Iraq retroactive to 1 January 1966. It also includes an extra levy per ton imposed to "indemnify" the Syrian Government for alleged underpayments of more than \$100 million during the past ten years.

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Iraq stands to lose some \$270 million annual income from oil exports, out of its total \$382 million oil income. At present the only means of exporting northern Iraqi crude is the pipeline through Syria. Despite this threat to Iraq's finances, the Iraqi prime minister allegedly issued a statement yesterday backing the Syrian move, after a discussion with a Syrian mission which went to Baghdad Wednesday to discuss the pipeline problem.

Lebanon also stands to suffer, since its refinery at Tripoli depends on IPC oil. IPC intends to supply Tripoli's daily requirement of 18,000 barrels from the Tapline terminal of the Arabian-American Oil Company at Sidon, Lebanon. If this supply is cut off, IPC will supply Lebanon by tanker. This would increase oil costs substantially for Lebanon, which at the same time would lose approximately \$4 million annually from IPC pipeline transit and loading fees.

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The Syrians may not have calculated fully the impact of their move on their own POL requirements. Their refinery at Homs also depends on IPC oil.

The parent companies of IPC--Standard Oil of New Jersey, Mobil, British Petroleum, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, and Gulbenkian interests--are apparently under no overwhelming pressure to meet the Syrian demands. The pipeline through Syria has long been amortized and they have other sources for the oil they now get from northern Iraq.

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Poland - International Communism: A conference of European Communist parties is planned for Warsaw early next year, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The conference agenda reportedly will be limited to Vietnam and to European security issues, but the possibility of holding a world Communist meeting to discuss Communist China will be taken up, at least informally. A Warsaw conference would be in keeping with Brezhnev's call for multilateral consultations at the Hungarian party congress last month. [REDACTED]

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Communist China - Macao: Kwangtung Province officials told a Red Guard rally in Canton on 7 December that China will "resolutely back up" the "com-patriots" in Macao--the most explicit statement of Chinese support to date. The colony has remained calm since the riots of 3-4 December. Chinese Communists there have expanded their demands that the Portuguese authorities accept full responsibility for the disturbances, but Macao's continued existence has not been threatened. [REDACTED]

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Nigeria: Centrifugal pressures continue to build up. Western Nigerian leaders have now begun to assert themselves more forcefully. On 7 December they publicly reiterated demands--which the federal government has already rejected--that all Northern troops and non-Western police be immediately removed from the West. The West has apparently lost confidence in the "effective federation" insisted upon by Supreme Commander Gowon and is moving toward a loose confederation similar to that favored by the Eastern Region.

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Latin America: Uruguayan officials are concerned over the slow pace of preparations for the Inter-American summit meeting. In the view of one official, lack of progress at the current Latin American Free Trade Association session in Montevideo dims the prospect for meaningful discussion of regional economic integration at the summit conference. The Uruguayans are probably unduly pessimistic, but their statements may reflect a knowledge of lessening enthusiasm for the summit meeting in some foreign offices.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board on 8 December 1966 approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 60-2-66, "French Relations with Tropical Africa" [REDACTED]

NIE 36.6-66, "The Role of Saudi Arabia" [REDACTED]

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